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Sir :

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- (1) G. AUFFERT et al., "Audiovisual-Based Hypermedia Authoring: Using Structured Representations for Efficient Access to AV Documents," Hypertext 99 Darmstadt, February 21-25, 1999;
- (2) D.C.A. BULTERMAN et al., "GRiNS: A GRaphical Interface for Creating and Playing SMIL Documents", Computer Networks and ISDN Systems, Vol. 30, No. 1-7, September 30, 1998, pp. 519-529;

- (3) L. RUTLEDGE et al., "Cooperative Use of MHEG-5 and HyTime", Proceedings of Hypertexts and Hypermedia: Products, Tools, Methods, September 1997;
- (4) United Kingdom Patent Application Publication No. GB 2 333 001;
- (5) HARDMAN ET AL., "The Amsterdam Hypermedia Model", Communications of the Association for Computing Machinery, Vol. 37, No. 2, February 1994, pp. 1-11; and
- (6) T. YUMOTO et al., "A Dynamic Content Integration Language for Video Data and Web Content", Internet, December 10, 2003, pp. 83-92.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the European Examiner applying European rules to the European claims are set forth in the European Search Report.

Applicants note that documents (1) and (3)-(5) were previously cited in Information Disclosure Statements that were filed in the present application, and thus copies of these documents are not attached hereto.

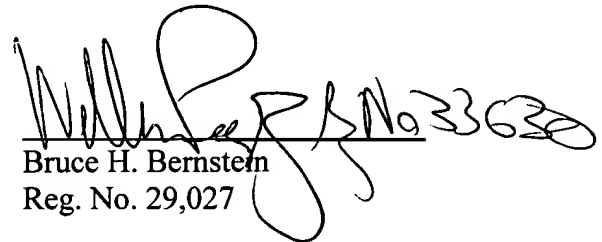
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the documents (2) and (6) are attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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